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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC DOWN 7.0 PER CENT IN OCTOBER
4.2 PER CENT IN FIRST TEN MONTHS

WASHINGTON, D.C., November 18--Domestic and international scheduled airline traffic decreased 7.0 per cent in October compared with October 1979, and was down 4.2 per cent through the first 10 months of 1980, the Air Transport Association reported today.

In domestic service, revenue passenger miles decreased 6.8 per cent from October of last year. Passenger load factor for the month was 56.9 per cent, compared with 58.1 per cent last year. Available seat miles flown decreased 4.8 per cent.

In international service, revenue passenger miles in October decreased 8.0 per cent from 1979. Passenger load factor was 60.6 per cent, compared with 61.7 per cent last year. Available seat miles decreased 6.2 per cent from October 1979.

Passenger load factor for the U.S. airlines, domestic and international, was 57.6 per cent, compared with 58.8 per cent in October last year, while available seat miles decreased 5.1 per cent.

Load factor for the U.S. scheduled airlines during the first 10 months of 1980, was 59.3 per cent compared to 64.3 for the same period of 1979. Available seat miles increased 4.0 per cent.

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PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

	Domestic Trunks	+	Local Service/ Regional	=	Total Domestic	+	International	=	TOTAL
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES FLOWN (000)									
October 1980	13,185,251		2,050,554		15,235,805		3,717,020		18,952,825
October 1979	14,677,476		1,670,245		16,347,721		4,040,306		20,388,027
% Change	-10.2		+22.8		-6.8		-8.0		-7.0
10 Months - 1980	142,953,440		21,432,591		164,386,031		41,085,267		205,471,298
10 Months - 1979	152,625,433		20,384,760		173,010,193		41,467,848		214,478,041
% Change	-6.3		+5.1		-5.0		-0.9		-4.2
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES FLOWN (000)									
October 1980	23,027,628		3,731,974		26,759,602		6,137,238		32,896,840
October 1979	25,111,797		3,006,066		28,117,863		6,545,403		34,663,266
% Change	-8.3		+24.1		-4.8		-6.2		-5.1
10 Months 1980	243,554,039		38,607,046		282,161,085		64,517,194		346,678,279
10 Months 1979	237,013,121		33,296,308		270,309,429		63,060,396		333,369,825
% Change	+2.8		+15.9		+4.4		+2.3		+4.0
PASSENGER LOAD FACTOR (Per Cent)									
October 1980	57.3		54.9		56.9		60.6		57.6
October 1979	58.4		55.6		58.1		61.7		58.8
10 Months - 1980	58.7		55.5		58.3		63.7		59.3
10 Months - 1979	64.4		61.2		64.0		65.8		64.3

Carriers included: Air California, Air Florida, Air New England, American, Braniff, Continental, Delta, Eastern, Frontier, Northwest, Ozark, Pan American, Piedmont, Pacific Southwest, Republic West, Texas International, Trans World, United, USAir, and Western.

Northwest data is not included in international figures.